COUNTY PROFILE

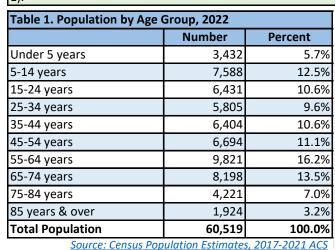
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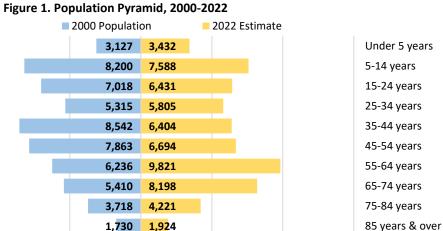
Otter Tail Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Otter Tail Co. is the 17th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 22nd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Otter Tail Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).





Otter Tail Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Otter Tail Co. welcomed net international in-migration gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Otter Tail Co.	445	-412	1,363	1,775	832	27	805	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377	

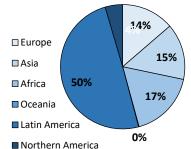
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Otter Tail Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Otter Tail Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Otter 1	Гаil Co.	Change 2010-2021		Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
1,718	2.9%	191	12.5%	8.5%	30.6%	
235	13.7%	-118	-33.4%	9.4%	0.3%	
251	14.6%	-3	-1.2%	37.0%	30.2%	
300	17.5%	119	65.7%	27.8%	89.8%	
2	0.1%	-2	-50.0%	0.4%	17.8%	
930	54.1%	195	26.5%	25.4%	6.8%	
852	49.6%	189	28.5%	23.0%	8.5%	
<i>78</i>	4.5%	6	8.3%	2.5%	-6.7%	
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the Foreign Born Population, 2021

Figure 2. Place of Birth for



Otter Tail Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021



	C	Otter Tail C	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	59,728	100.0%	4.0%	100.0%	7.4%
White	55,663	93.2%	0.7%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	702	1.2%	66.7%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	147	0.2%	-53.9%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	281	0.5%	-9.9%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	996	1.7%	153.4%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	1,939	3.2%	179.0%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,182	3.7%	46.2%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

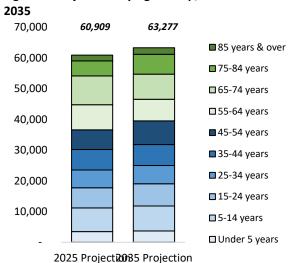
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Otter Tail Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

93.2%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035							
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent			
Otter Tail Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	3,481	3,653	172	4.9%			
5-14 years	7,674	8,165	491	6.4%			
15-24 years	6,596	7,224	628	9.5%			
25-34 years	5,789	5,930	141	2.4%			
35-44 years	6,656	6,825	169	2.5%			
45-54 years	6,391	7,699	1,308	20.5%			
55-64 years	8,192	7,060	-1,132	-13.8%			
65-74 years	9,367	8,142	-1,225	-13.1%			
75-84 years	4,880	6,460	1,580	32.4%			
85 years & over	1,883	2,119	236	12.5%			
Total Population	60,909	63,277	2,368	3.9%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Otter Tail Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Otter Tail Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.6%

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021

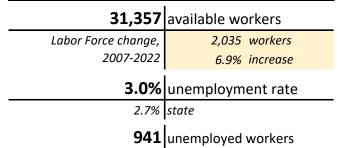
College-educated: 63.7%
state: 68.0%

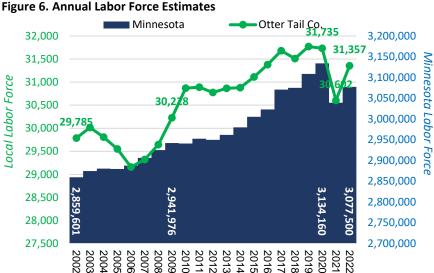
Associate's Degree: 14.6%
Bachelor's Degree: 17.5%
Advanced Degree: 7.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3%, Otter Tail Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Otter Tail Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 5.6% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Otter Tail Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

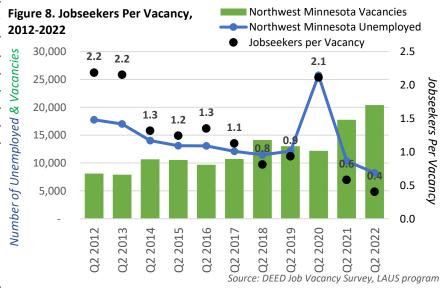
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 480.4 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Otter Tail Co. averaged an annual gain of 148.8 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 86.6 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Otter Tail Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022 2,000 Average of 480 Average of 149 Average of 87 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 1.500 1,000 755 500 -500 -1,000 -1.133 -1,500 2019-2021@2018-20118-20118-20117-20118-20117-20118-2 2020-202 (LAS) 2007-2008 2009-201ക് 2010-2011 2011-201 1990-199 1991-1992 1992-1993 1993-199 1994-1995 1996-1997 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2008-2009 1995-1996

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	4,206	4,688		
25 to 54 years	16,701	18,133		
55 to 64 years	5,819	5,015		
65 years & over	2,979	2,783		
Total Labor Force	29,704	30,619		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

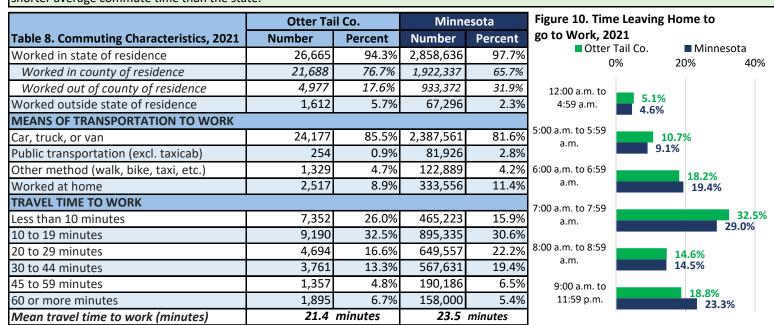


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Otter Tail Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Otter Tail Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

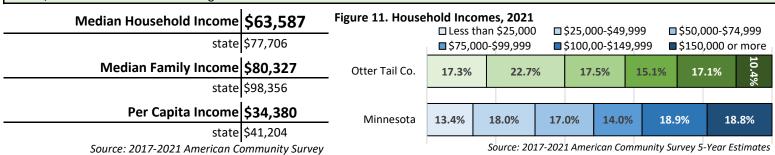
	Ot	ter Tail Co.		Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	30,121	62.6%	4.4%	69.2%	4.0%	16,296	13,848
16 to 19 years	1,569	58.1%	6.9%	52.3%	10.7%	935	635
20 to 24 years	2,564	88.1%	7.3%	83.3%	6.7%	1,232	1,331
25 to 44 years	10,693	88.7%	4.7%	88.8%	3.6%	5,819	4,874
45 to 54 years	5,847	88.5%	4.2%	87.6%	3.0%	3,149	2,697
55 to 64 years	6,885	71.0%	2.3%	73.1%	3.2%	3,644	3,243
65 to 74 years	2,152	26.6%	4.2%	28.0%	3.2%	1,245	905
75 years & over	437	7.2%	5.3%	6.6%	2.9%	272	163
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	28,038	61.9%	3.6%	68.5%	3.4%	Race, 2021	-
Black or African American	409	83.5%	13.2%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	50	38.8%	0.0%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	196	84.1%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	545	76.5%	6.1%	75.8%	6.2%		N N
Two or More Races	911	72.5%	24.1%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,073	79.4%	17.5%	77.0%	6.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability							
With Any Disability	1,720	54.0%	10.5%	53.6%	9.9%		93.1%
Employment Characteristics by Educatio	nal Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	23,416	82.6%	3.9%	84.4%	3.4%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,370	69.8%	3.9%	66.6%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,459	77.6%	1.1%	77.3%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,846	83.9%	4.2%	85.1%	3.6%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6,755	88.7%	2.2%	90.3%	2.1%	■ Some O	ther Race

A larger percentage of workers in Otter Tail Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Otter Tail Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Otter Tail Co. had the 44th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Otter Tail Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.63 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.23 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	•	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Otter Tail Co.	\$28,340	\$13.63	\$0	\$354	\$152	\$573	\$722	\$254	\$307
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		-
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	Food	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Otter Tail Co.	\$47,515	\$15.23	\$242	\$810	\$538	\$756	\$846	\$429	\$339
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 25th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Otter Tail Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Otter Ta	il Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2021	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	19,850	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,044	5.3%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,558	12.9%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,076	15.5%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,788	14.0%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,717	23.8%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,836	19.3%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	1,831	9.2%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$209,1	.00	\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021 0% 30% 20% Otter Tail Co. ■ Minnesota 8.5% 2010 or later 15.6% 2000 to 2009 1980 to 1999 25.7% 23.2% 1960 to 1979 24.1% 13.0% 1940 to 1959 14.1% 16.0% 1939 or earlier

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,682

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

18.7%

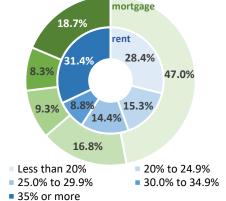
Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2021

Median monthly rent costs \$718

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 45.4%



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$21.88 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$40.79) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.11) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023								
	Region 4				State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$21.88	87,550	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%	
Management	\$40.79	4,890	5.6%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.49	2,970	3.4%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.92	1,000	1.1%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.68	1,530	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.72	580	0.7%	0.6	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$25.01	2,390	2.7%	1.4	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%	
Legal	\$34.47	340	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$23.87	6,330	7.2%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.13	830	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.01	5,570	6.4%	1.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%	
Healthcare Support	\$17.45	5,080	5.8%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%	
Protective Service	\$25.29	1,240	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.11	7,920	9.0%	1.2	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.37	2,890	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%	
Personal Care & Service	\$16.16	1,810	2.1%	1.0	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$16.71	7,830	8.9%	1.1	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.52	10,110	11.5%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.99	340	0.4%	2.7	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$27.75	4,570	5.2%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.44	3,730	4.3%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%	
Production	\$22.10	8,120	9.3%	1.3	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.73	7,460	8.5%	1.1	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%	

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Otter Tail Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 20409 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06				
Management	407	\$32.83				
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46				
Computer & Mathematical	101					
Architecture & Engineering	138	,				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127	\$28.23				
Community & Social Service	379	,				
Education, Training & Library	1,540					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348					
Healthcare Support	1,732	\$15.00				
Protective Service	217	\$15.16				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,904	\$14.05				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,063	\$16.12				
Personal Care & Service	497	\$12.88				
Sales & Related	4,519	\$16.09				
Office & Administrative Support	750	\$16.22				
Construction & Extraction	155	\$21.84				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	845	\$21.35				
Production	1,218					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83				

Public Administration Agriculture, Serylges, Ex. Forestry, Fighing Accommodation & Hunting 2% Manufacturing 9% 2% n and Food 1% Services Utilities 13% .0% Arts. Wholesale Trade Entertainmen 2% t. and Recreation 2%

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022

Health Care and Social Assistance 18% n and Educationadnical Serviceand Witten Informati Warehousing 15% Service on

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

Construction

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2022						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$28,575/yr	\$33,844/yr	\$72,324/yr	\$56,870/yr			
Home Health and Personal	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Radiologic Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except			
Care Aides	Nurses	Technicians	Special and Career/Technical			
\$28,195/yr	\$46,911/yr	\$63,225/yr	\$59,020/yr			
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Medical Assistants	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	General and Operations Managers			
\$24,863/yr	\$43,116/yr	\$47,468/yr	\$83,202/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Respiratory Therapists	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers			
\$45,337/yr	\$44,859/yr	\$66,748/yr	\$51,793/yr			
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer		Police and Sheriff?s Patrol	Child, Family, and School Social			
Truck Drivers	Computer User Support Specialists	Officers	Workers			
\$46,529/yr	\$49,748/yr	\$62,502/yr	\$53,854/yr			
Stockers and Order Fillers	Machinists	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and	Accountants and Auditors			
\$29,252/yr	\$47,328/yr	\$52,953/yr	\$62,678/yr			
Customer Service	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Social and Community Service			
Representatives			Managers			
\$38,926/yr	\$60,567/yr	\$52,040/yr	\$73,316/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Medical and Health Services			
Production and Operating	·	and Technicians	Managers			
\$60,581/yr	\$54,148/yr	\$57,045/yr	\$91,879/yr			
Social and Human Service	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool	Veterinary Assistants and	Financial Managers			
Assistants	Programmers	Laboratory Animal Caretakers				
\$37,793/yr	\$64,600/yr	\$30,140/yr	\$98,220/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Electro-Mechanical and	Industrial Engineers			
Food Preparation and	Paramedics	Mechatronics Technologists and				
\$37,413/yr	\$37,098/yr	\$43,611/yr	\$78,819/yr Source: DEED Occupations in Demand			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Otter Tail Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030						
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030			
Total, All Industries	250,722	263,441	5.1%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,790	5,740	-0.9%			
Utilities	1,135	970	-14.5%			
Construction	10,693	11,157	4.3%			
Manufacturing	27,999	28,618	2.2%			
Wholesale Trade	11,829	12,347	4.4%			
Retail Trade	26,846	25,467	-5.1%			
Transportation & Warehousing	6,436	6,741	4.7%			
Information	2,276	2,229	-2.1%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,478	7,641	2.2%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,587	6,025	7.8%			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,889	4,139	6.4%			
Educational Services	22,015	23,101	4.9%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,901	41,390	12.2%			
Leisure & Hospitality	20,446	24,818	21.4%			
Other Services	9,052	10,144	12.1%			
Public Administration	22,824	23,240	1.8%			

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030

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Management Occupations	455	9,69	92	ı	
Business and Financial	511	2 ,37	73		
Computer and	177	577			
Architecture and	140	861			
Life, Physical, and Social	103	450			
Community and Social	876	2,6	35		
Legal Occupations	62	373			
Educational Instruction and	1,313	6,7	45		
Arts, Design,	350	1,45	9		
Healthcare Practitioners		3,9	22		
Healthcare Support	2,24	0 8,	.874		
Protective Service	219	1,72	3		
Food Preparation and	2,95	7 1	14,657		
Building and Grounds	643	5,34	40		
Personal Care and Service		5,1	4 3		
Sales and Related	-88	4 12,7	62		
Office and Administrative1	,027	12,9	44		
Farming, Fishing, and	-59	1,52	0		
Construction and Extraction	615	3,70	04		
Installation, Maintenance,	292	3,32	3		
Production Occupations	221	7,36	8		
Transportation and	1,397	9,4	141		

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

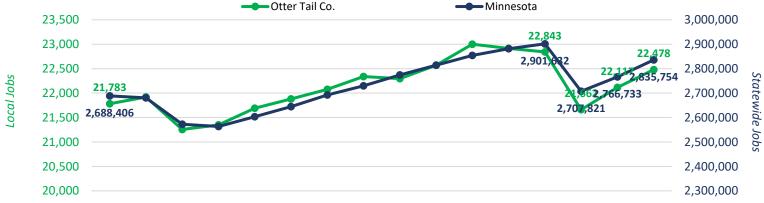
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Otter Tail Co. had the 18th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Otter Tail Co. was the 48th fastest growing in the past year and the 39th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Otter Tail Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

1,889 business establishments \$48,003 annual average wage

22,478 jobs \$1,079,018,233 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -1.6% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

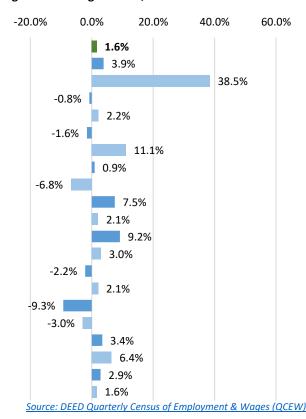


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Otter Tail Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
•	Jobs	Total Jobs	
Employment Statistics, 2022	1111		Wage
Total, All Industries	22,478	100.0%	\$48,003
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	422	1.9%	\$39,295
Mining	24	0.1%	\$50,134
Construction	1,257	5.6%	\$59,219
Manufacturing	4,072	18.1%	\$57,910
Utilities	440	2.0%	\$104,602
Wholesale Trade	689	3.1%	\$52,809
Retail Trade	2,558	11.4%	\$31,443
Transportation & Warehousing	481	2.1%	\$46,582
Information	417	1.9%	\$68,814
Finance & Insurance	539	2.4%	\$66,917
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	131	0.6%	\$31,150
Professional & Technical Services	479	2.1%	\$57,264
Management of Companies	91	0.4%	\$171,058
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	734	3.3%	\$45,141
Educational Services	1,678	7.5%	\$33,175
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,255	18.9%	\$36,367
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	273	1.2%	\$16,751
Accommodation & Food Services	1,834	8.2%	\$18,550
Other Services	718	3.2%	\$29,003
Public Administration	1,335	5.9%	\$57,900

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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